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Example 6, the evaluation on Hemagglutinin (HA) Activities by Western blotting, and the present method referred to in Example 7. Further, the neutralization activities against Influenza A viruses by the various collectins were also evaluated by the method referred to in Example 6. Results were shown in the following Tables 4 and 5.

In the claims:

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 9 ~~8~~. A purified Mannan-binding protein (MBP) having budding inhibition activity as determined by a method comprising steps of:

- (a) culturing cells in presence of virus(es) to prepare virus(es)-infected cells,
- (b) presenting the virus(es)-infected cells in presence or absence of the MBP,
- (c) comparing gross area of virus(es)-infected focus formed in the presence of the MBP with that formed in the absence of the MBP, and
- (d) evaluating from the comparison results in the step (c) an inhibition level by the MBP on budding of virus in said infected cells.

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 9 ~~10~~. A purified Human Mannan-binding protein (hMBP) having anti-Influenza A virus activity as determined by the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) culturing cells in presence of virus(es) to prepare virus(es)-infected cells,
- (b) presenting the virus(es)-infected cells in presence or absence of a calcium-dependent lectin,
- (c) comparing gross area of virus(es)-infected focus formed in the presence of a calcium-dependent lectin with that formed in the absence of a calcium-dependent lectin, and
- (d) evaluating from the comparison results in the step (c) an inhibition level by the calcium-dependent lectin on budding of virus in said infected cells,

wherein the calcium-dependent lectin comprises an N-terminal region containing cysteine, a collagen-like region, a neck region and a carbohydrate recognition domain.
